

# UTAH PUBLIC FIRE EDUCATOR

## UTAH STATE FIRE MARSHAL

### LIFE SAFETY HOUSE OPENS IN CEDAR CITY

Cedar City has completed a beautiful Life Safety House next to their new Station 1. This fully furnished two-story structure boasts a heated door, smoke machine, escape window with safety mat outside, and murals with safety messages. There are safety messages hidden all through the house, including refrigerator and oven locks. Outside, there is a prop gas meter where adults can practice shutting off the gas.

Every year Cedar City busses in second grade students to the fire house where students not only learn fire safety but representatives from DARE and the BLM also teach lessons.

They have built a pavilion for the children to eat sack lunches next to the house. Of course, the firefighters will find this convenient for department events so it will be equipped for grilling and dutch oven cooking.

It took two years and many donations, but it's done and it's beautiful. Congratulations to Cedar City Fire Department!



### GREAT AMERICAN FIRE DRILL 2008

The web-based fire drill reporting system will be up again this year. It should launch some time

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### GET READY FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

The Fire Prevention Week theme for 2008 is *It's Fire Prevention Week: Prevent Home Fires*. The idea, according to NFPA, is to encourage everyone to take a little extra caution

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#### Points of interest:

- \* Fire Prevention Week : free resources from NFPA
- \* Programs
- \* Utah Fire Corps



## GREAT AMERICAN FIRE DRILL 2008

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in September. You can direct people to this site after they have practiced their evacuation plan. They enter their first name, age, state, number of people who participated and if it was a home, school or business. There is a graphic to celebrate and then a printable certificate is generated. In November we will know how many people in Utah practiced their escape plan and reported to this site.



### LOCAL FIRE CORPS PROJECTS



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The Utah State Fire Marshal is partnering with various organizations where volunteers have continuous contact with people with disabilities or those in poverty. This Fire Corps project seeks to provide fire prevention education as well as provide assistance in acquiring free alarms and alarm testing.

Layton City Fire Department is in the process of drafting Basic Fire Operations as well as Firefighter Rehabilitation Curriculum for Utah Fire Corps' first two pilot trainings.

If anyone would like to assist with any Fire Corps project in progress or conceptual please contact Utah Fire Corps VISTA Ashley Nicholes: [anicholes@utah.gov](mailto:anicholes@utah.gov) or Chelsey Short: [cshort@utah.gov](mailto:cshort@utah.gov).

#### IDEAS & CURRICULUM

##### iDea

Sacramento Fire District used a grant to purchase iPods and recorded several fire safety messages in multiple languages. When they are in the community, installing alarms, etc., they can play the appropriate message to reach the audience before them.

##### Regional Elementary Program

Montana fire departments are working together to reach all Kindergarten and

#### TRAINING & CONFERENCES

##### Youth Change:

##### Your Problem-Kid Problem-Solver

Portland, October 9 – 10

This class is for teachers, youth workers, counselors, psychologists, court workers, social workers, justice workers, foster parents and school administrators. There is no registration deadline but early registration is encouraged. Financial Aid is offered, plus \$50 college credit and free CEUs are available.

<http://www.youthchg.com>

##### Remembering When Conference

December 3-5

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**CITIZEN ADVOCATES ASSISTING FIRE DEPARTMENTS IN NON-OPERATIONAL ROLES= MAKING A DIFFERENCE THROUGH THE FIRE SERVICE**

## IDEAS & CURRICULUM

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First Grade classrooms within 4,500 square miles. They have formed a team that spends all October going to all Kindergarten classes teaching basic fire safety and then goes out again in the spring to the First Graders teaching about matches and lighters with Smokey Bear and his message. By working together they are able to provide a high-quality, consistent message to all young children in the region.

### Fire Prevention Week Lesson Plans

#### Scholastic (K-6)

Two elementary lesson plans (K-2 and 3-6) can be downloaded from NFPA. Scholastic will distribute them to their subscribers. These include the lesson plan, a badge, a caregiver letter and a song.

This curriculum takes the *Prevent Home Fires* theme but has Sparky running for President and using fire safety as his platform. There is a poster of the White House (with dogs living in it) and students identify the fire hazards and safety features in each room.

#### Weekly Reader (K-8)

Home Safety Council has several home fire prevention lesson plans that would be perfect to use during Fire Prevention Week. They are available as a free download, are low cost to purchase a class set, and you can get one packet free when you join their Expert Network.

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NFPA is offering scholarships for a team of two people - one from the fire service and the other from a partnering agency doing in-home visits for older adults. Both agencies must commit to certain tasks. NFPA will pay for travel, hotel and most meals. Plus, each attendee gets a set of curriculum and brochures.

### Deadline August 1.

Information, requirements, and application: <http://www.nfpa.org/>

## QUARTERLY CAMPAIGN

Every fire department in the nation should have received a CD electrical safety campaign in May. Many didn't arrive; did you receive yours? The spring campaign is titled "Keeping Your Community Safe and Energized" The CD contains PSAs (including the new Dan Doofus character) media toolkits, outreach ideas, talking points and safety spots. The August campaign will be cooking fire prevention.



## SUGGESTIONS?

Know of a training, conference? Got ideas to share about curriculum or public fire education? Write: [cshort@utah.gov](mailto:cshort@utah.gov)

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

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to prevent home fires. [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org)

This theme leaves local agencies the ability to focus on safety messages most needed in their area. Messages can be the five most common causes of residential fires and how to prevent them or one specific message such as preventing cooking fires.

NFPA has ideas for open houses, checklists, learning station, safety tips, a media release and a letter to the editor on their web page.

### *Prevent Cooking Fires (Adults)*

NFPA and USFA have developed a multi-media adult cooking fire prevention course. It is split into modules so you can adjust the course to your audience and timeframe. The curriculum includes a PowerPoint presentation with good graphics and a supporting video. The curriculum includes current statistics on kitchen fires and injuries (including non-fire burns) and how to prevent them. <http://www.usfa.dhs.gov/fireservice/research/other/cooking-mitigation.shtm>

### *Escape Planning with People with Disabilities (Elementary)*

This training was developed primarily for an elementary audience, but the information can be adjusted to other ages. The message is happily not directed only to people with disabilities but to everyone on what to do (or not to do) during a fire evacuation if there is someone with a disability. <http://www.nfpa.org/categoryList.asp?categoryID=824&URL=Research%20&%20Reports/Fact%20sheets/People%20with%20disabilities>

### *Web helps for Fire Prevention Week*

NFPA is also providing banners and logos for your web page. You may link to their site and use their products as long as you use the attribution line "Reproduced from NFPA's Fire Prevention Week Web site, [www.firepreventionweek.org](http://www.firepreventionweek.org). ©2008 NFPA." and link back to their web site.

Sparky e-cards are a way to spread the fire prevention message to those on your email list.